amount was paid to the State Government. The question of shortfall in the payment to the Government of Maharashtra does not arise as the net proceeds have been distributed in accordance with the provisions of the above mentioned Act and Rules.

Recovery of Amount Looted from the Punjab National Bank, Ludhiana

832. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a considerable amount out of Rs. 5.70 crores looted from the RBI Chest in the Punjab National Bank, Ludhiana, has been recovered in the course of investigations and searches; if so, how much amount has been recovered and what are the details of the persons apprehended in connection therewith; and

(b) what further action is being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have reported that cash and movable and immovable properties, amounting in all to Rs. 94.41 lakhs approximately have been recovered and 22 persons have been arrested in connection with the incident of looting from Punjab National Bank, Ludhiana. The CBI have further reported that the case is still at the investigation stage.

Opening of Branches of Nationalised Banks in Orissa

833. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of branches of nationalised banks that are proposed to be opened in tribal and backward areas of Orissa during the year 1988; and

(b) what is the target of Government in this regard for the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Under the current Branch Licensing Policy covering the period 1-4-1985 to 31-3-1990, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allotted 183 centres (upto 31-12 1987) to commercial banks in various districts including the tribal and backward districts, in Orissa. District-wise details of these allotments are indicated below:—

District	No. of centres allotted
1. Mayurbhanj	14
2. Keonjhar	12
3. Bolangir	14
4. Koraput	17
5. Kalahandi	7
6. Phulbani	12
7. Dhenkanal	3
8. Balasore	9
9. Ganjam	23
10. Puri	22
11. Sambalpur	21
12. Sundargarh	12
13. Cuttack	17
TOTAL:	183

RBI has advised the banks that the branches at the allotted centres should be opened in a phased manner during the remaining period of

the policy. Annual targets for opening these branches have not been prescribed. As such, it is not possible at this stage to indicate the number of branches that will be opened in tribal and backward areas of Orissa during the year 1988.

Increase in Export to U. K.

834. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the exports to the United Kingdom have shown a rising trend in the recent past; and

(b) if so, the actual percentage increase in exports and the comodities which have shown upward trend in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India's exports to UK in the recent past have been as follows:

(Rs. crores)

Year	Value	%increase
1985-86 . . .	524.38	..
1986-87 . . .	737.11	40 56
Apr.-Sept. 1986 .	*335 83	..
Apr.-Sept. 1987 .	*480 42	43 05

*Provisional

The commodities which have shown rising trend include cashewnuts, chemicals, leather products, textiles, garments and jewellery.

Working in Hindi by Employees of 'A' and 'B' Region

835. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the employees working in 'A' and 'B' region who have qualified in Hindi have been asked to put up drafts in Hindi; and

(b) if so, by when this instruction will be given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Those employees of the notified offices of the Central Government situated in Region 'A' and Region 'B' who possess proficiency in Hindi have been directed to submit drafts of the following categories of communications only in Hindi;

(i) All communications to State Governments or U. T. Administrations in Region 'A' and Region 'B' and all offices, Undertakings, etc. of Central Government situated in these Regions or any person in these Regions.

(ii) Replies to all communications received in Hindi.

(iii) Reply to any application, appeal or representation from any employee written or signed in Hindi.

(b) These orders will come into force on 1st April, 1988.